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Letter dated 18 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 10 April 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union regarding Iran.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 82 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

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Statement issued on 10 April 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union concerning Iran

The findings of the Superior Court of Justice in Berlin in the so-called Mykonos case established the involvement of the Iranian authorities at the highest level.

The European Union condemns this involvement of the Iranian authorities and regards such behaviour as totally unacceptable in the conduct of international affairs.

The European Union has always wanted a constructive relationship with Iran, and the critical dialogue agreed upon at the European Council in December 1992 was designed to further that objective. However, no progress can be possible while Iran flouts international norms and indulges in acts of terrorism.

The Presidency has invited Member States to recall their ambassadors for coordinated consultation on the future relationship of the European Union with Iran. The European Union notes that under the present circumstances there is no basis for the continuation of the critical dialogue.

The Council, at its meeting of 29 April, will review the European Union's relations with Iran and decide what further action would be appropriate.

The European Union expects the Government of Iran to take measures against possible threats and accusations against any Member State and to take the necessary steps to safeguard the security of all European Union citizens and their institutions in Iran.